

**JUNE 28, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Johnny Cissom

Scripture Reading

Eli Carter

Opening Prayer

Chris Moore (A.M.) Tom Wade (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Brad McAlister (A.M.) Jeff Staggs (P.M.)

Lord's Table

John Hopper (Presiding),

Terry Chapman, Jeff Brewer, Logan Yancey

Count and Usher

Eric Melton

Casey Harris

Prepare Communion

Sandy Newby & Candace Hopper

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Chance Criswell (07/01/15)

OUR RECORD

June 21, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 100

Sunday Morning Worship: 117

Sunday Evening Worship: 106

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 121

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).

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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade
DEACONS: Terry Chapman, Bryan Davis,
Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister,
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

All About Self

Tim Dooley

Professional golfer Phil Mickelson is right handed. He does everything right handed: writes, throws, swings baseball bats, etc. He does everything right handed, except golf. His nickname is "lefty." This phenomenon is born out of the affect of watching and imitating (in a mirror image) his father's golf swing when he was a child. Seventeen times in the gospel accounts the command to "follow me" is given by the Lord. The illustration of Phil copying his father's swing to us following Jesus is clear. We must imitate and reflect Him in our lives if we are going to be His disciples.

The rub for mankind is this; we are a selfish and prideful bunch. No one can follow and imitate Christ in their lives while they continue to live for themselves. Jesus calls us to humble ourselves and daily to crucify our own selfish desires in order to follow Him. My friend Sellers Crain wrote that Jesus said in effect, "Get your mind off yourself, and yourself off of your mind" (Matthew 23:11; Luke 14:11; 18:14). He went on to say that there were three things each of us needs to lose:

Selfishness . "Selfish people are immature people." Babies are cute, loveable, and precious. But no one like's a big baby! Grown – ups who act like selfish babies are ugly, loathsome, and disfavored. We learn quickly that no one likes the spoiled kid who takes his ball and leaves because he doesn't get his way. This is not an image that the Lord projects and no one can be a follower of Jesus who is selfish.

Self – centeredness . "The real problem in Eden was that Adam and Eve wanted to be their own god. Pride is the problem." The Bible warns that pride is destructive and arrogance is deadly (Proverbs 16:18). Pride is not what one sees in the Lord. He came not to do His own will but the Father's (John 5:30). He lived and died for us and his nature was outward – centered.

Self – consciousness . "The world teaches us, 'Know thyself.' Some teach 'To thine own self be true.'" But to be a follower of Jesus one must come to know Him (Philippians 3:10; 1 John 2:3; 5:20), and "To Him be true."

Brother Crain goes on to say that there are three principles involved regarding self. We must "give ourselves away," "deny ourselves," and "lose ourselves." When we look into our spiritual mirror what is it that we see? Sadly most see themselves as they have been formed and influenced by Satan and the world. To be followers of the Lord we must look at Him and imitate Him in every aspect of our lives. Submit to His will and be faithful.

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“Witnessing” For Christ

Kevin Cauley

More and more I hear of members of the church speaking about “witnessing” and less frequently do I hear about members of the church speaking about teaching the gospel of Christ. While the term “witness” is a biblical one and while many people speak of “witnessing” within the denominational world, perhaps we should wonder if the way the Bible uses the term and the way the denominations use the term coincide. Are we as Christians allowing the denominational world to change our ways or are we as Christians seeking to change the ways of denominations? It appears that in this terminology we have allowed denominationalism to take control.

As I look at all the different ways in which the word witness is used in the scriptures, I don’t find a single solitary instance in which it is used in the same way that most religious people use the word today. We see that the apostles were eyewitnesses of the resurrection and so was the apostle Paul (Acts 1:22; 4:33; 22:15). The Holy Spirit was a witness to the Jews that the Gentiles were to receive the gospel message (Acts 15:8). God gave witness to the apostles and prophets through miraculous signs and wonders that what they said and taught was true (Hebrews 2:4). John writes that the record that God gave of His Son, Jesus, is the witness that is in us, if we believe that record (1 John 5:9,10). However, we never read of an apostle, prophet, or inspired teacher within the New Testament telling Christians to go out and “witness” for Christ. “Preach the gospel”–Yes. “Witness”–No. Where does this concept come from?

When a member of a denomination stands up and “witnesses” they usually tell of all the “great things” God has done for them in their life. Perhaps they will speak about how God saved them from drugs. Perhaps they will speak about how God helped them get over a financial crisis. Perhaps they will speak about how God helped them become a good father or mother. The witnessing is always “how God personally helped me.” The focus of these “testimonies” is upon the individual’s personal experience. From this, those who are listening to the speaker are supposed to conclude

that God will work some kind of personal experience for them as well and that they are supposed to come to believe in God based upon this “testimony.” Notice, however, that the faith that is generated by these “testimonies” does not come from God’s word, but from someone’s personal, subjective experience. Herein lies the danger; the Bible says “faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). Those who stand up and give personal “testimonies” and “witness” for God are doing the world no favor. They are not preaching the word of God—they are preaching their own subjective, emotional experiences. They are causing people to believe something other than the word of God, and that is NOT biblical faith.

Perhaps someone might say, “Well, the Holy Spirit is really the one who is witnessing.” No doubt, this is what many believe today who participate in this kind of thing. However, the Holy Spirit is not the author of confusion according to 1 Corinthians 14:33 and the Holy Spirit wrote Romans 10:17. Now is the Holy Spirit going to say that faith comes by hearing the word at one point in time and then turn around and say that faith comes by doing something OTHER than hearing the word at another point in time? For someone to say such would be indicting the Holy Spirit of a lie. Either faith comes by hearing the word of God or it does not. Either the Holy Spirit told the truth when He said that faith comes by hearing the word of God or these people who are “witnessing” today are lying. I will stick with Paul, “Let God be true, but every man a liar” (Romans 3:4).

Why would Christians get caught up in such foolishness? Do they no longer believe that faith comes by hearing the word of God? Do they believe that their simple personal stories are more important than the story of the cross? Do they believe that God’s saving power lies within their own personal experience as opposed to the resurrection of the Son of God? Let us, as Christians, put away such speech from our vocabulary. Let’s believe what the Bible has to say about how faith comes and resolve to preach God’s word instead of exalting our own personal experience above the power of the gospel (Romans 1:16). Let us resolve not to know anything save Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2). Let’s resolve to speak as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11).

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK’S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 4:30 PM

KRISTEN & DEVIN MCV EY are having a
BABY BOY! - Daxten Karter
Please join us for a
BABY SHOWER
JUNE 28, 2015
Come and Go - 2:00 - 3:30 PM
At Chapman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

CHAPMAN SECOND QUARTER BIRTHDAYS (April-June)

Sunday, June 28th - After Evening Services
The Lads to Leaders would like to invite those who have a birthday April - June to stay after church services this Sunday Night(28th) for cake and ice cream for you and your family in the Fellowship Hall.
Please make plans to attend.

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July 12-15 - 7:00-8:30

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Junior Stroupe.

●**IN HOSPITAL:** Barrett Chapman (Heart), Connie Mauney

●**SURGERY:** Iona Mauney (Hip Replacement)

●**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Charley Shackelford

●**TEST:** Barbara Criswell, George Coats

●**MILITARY:** David Spires

●**EXTENDED ILLNESS:**

Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford’s Sister), Tony Morrison, Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Renae Koon, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. ●**CANCER:** Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Don Allen Riggs, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Eva Crawford, Elaine Mauney, Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman’s Sister), Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe’s Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

●**SHUT-INS: Resthaven:** Oleta Phillips (*Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), *Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home:* Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Willis, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman, Pauline McBryde (Rita Smith’s Grandmother) (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*)